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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted claims 1-56 to one of five species corresponding to the figures. Specifically, the Examiner provided the following groups/species: (Group A) Figs 1-4 drawn to a suspension arrangement with a horizontal piston cylinder arrangement, (Group B) Fig. 5 drawn to a suspension arrangement with a vertical piston cylinder arrangement, (Group C) Fig. 6 drawn to a suspension arrangement with horizontal piston cylinder arrangement with cylinders on opposite sides of suspension members, (Group D) Fig. 7 drawn to a suspension arrangement with plural pairs of horizontal piston cylinder arrangements, and (Group E) Fig. 8 drawn to a suspension arrangement with plural pairs of horizontal piston cylinder arrangements further having compensators on fluid lines connecting the cylinders. In view of these groups/species, the Examiner further required the Applicants to elect a single species/group and provide a listing of all claims readable on the elected species.

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicants elects to prosecute the claims corresponding to Group A. After a careful review of the claims and the Figures, Applicants believe Group A comprises the following claims: 1-19, 21, 24-35, 37, 39-53, and 55-56. Applicants further stress that all independent claims 1, 17, 31, 43, and 49 and the corresponding dependent claims of Group A are generic to all species listed by the Examiner. In fact, the Examiner's grouping appears to be largely focused on the number of pairs and orientation of the piston assemblies, while the final group adds the compensator feature. The foregoing claims are believed to be generic to these features.

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If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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